

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

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Kindly amend claim 4, as shown below. Please add new claims 5 and 6, as shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

**Claim 1 (original):** A liquid fuel for internal combustion engine, comprising 2 to 85 wt.% of an alcohol component of aliphatic monohydric alcohol having 2 to 6 carbon atoms per molecule per se or a mixture thereof and 15 to 98 wt.% of a hydrocarbon component, in which, when the alcohol component in the liquid fuel for internal combustion engine is N wt.%, water is added in an amount corresponding to the larger of  $0.002 \times N$  wt.% or more and 0.1 wt.% of the resulting liquid fuel for internal combustion engine.

**Claim 2 (original):** A liquid fuel for internal combustion engine, comprising 2 to 85 wt.% of an alcohol component of aliphatic monohydric alcohol having 2 to 6 carbon atoms per molecule per se or a mixture thereof and 15 to 98 wt.% of a hydrocarbon component, said liquid fuel for internal combustion engine containing an aluminum corrosion inhibitor in an amount capable of inhibiting the aluminum corrosion at a predetermined given temperature, and said aluminum corrosion inhibitor comprising at least one member selected from among methanol, glycol hydrocarbons, ketone hydrocarbons, ester hydrocarbons and aldehyde hydrocarbons.

**Claim 3 (original):** The liquid fuel for internal combustion engine according to claim 2, containing at least water as said aluminum corrosion inhibitor.

**Claim 4 (currently amended):** The liquid fuel for internal combustion engine according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein at least one kind of ether components having not

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more than 12 carbon atoms per molecule and having at least one ether bond in the molecule is included in said liquid fuel for internal combustion engine.

**Claim 5 (new):** The liquid fuel for internal combustion engine according to claim 2, wherein at least one kind of ether components having not more than 12 carbon atoms per molecule and having at least one ether bond in the molecule is included in said liquid fuel for internal combustion engine.

**Claim 6 (new):** The liquid fuel for internal combustion engine according to claim 3, wherein at least one kind of ether components having not more than 12 carbon atoms per molecule and having at least one ether bond in the molecule is included in said liquid fuel for internal combustion engine.

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